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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A textile fiber comprising at least [[75%]] 80% by weight polypropylene blended with about 0.59-4% by weight impact modifier, wherein the impact modifier has elastomeric properties and is selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene), multi-block elastomeric copolymers, polyurethanes, polyamides, polyesters, single-site or metallocene-catalyzed polyolefins having density less than about 0.89 grams/cc, and ethylene/styrene.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled)

4. (Original) The textile fiber of Claim 1, wherein the impact modifier comprises a copolymer selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, and styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene).

5. (Original) A spunbond fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

6. (Original) A staple fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

7. (Original) A multi-fiber yarn comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

8. (Original) A knit fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

9. (Original) A woven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

10. (Original) A nonwoven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

11. (Original) An absorbent article comprising the nonwoven fabric of Claim 10.

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12. (Withdrawn) A textile fiber comprising at least 75% by weight polypropylene blended with about 2-15% by weight impact modifier, the impact modifier selected from the group consisting of styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene and styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene).
13. (Withdrawn) A spunbond fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
14. (Withdrawn) A staple fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
15. (Withdrawn) A multi-fiber yarn comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
16. (Withdrawn) A knit fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
17. (Withdrawn) A woven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
18. (Withdrawn) A nonwoven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
19. (Withdrawn) An absorbent article comprising the nonwoven fabric of Claim 18.
20. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven fabric comprising a plurality of modified fibers, the modified fibers including at least [[75%]] 80% by weight polypropylene blended with about 1-25% by weight impact modifier, wherein the impact modifier has elastomeric properties and is selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, and styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene).
21. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 20, wherein the modified fibers comprise about 2-15% by weight impact modifier.

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22. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 20, wherein the modified fibers comprise about 3-10% by weight impact modifier.
23. (Original) An absorbent article comprising the nonwoven fabric of Claim 20.